

Part I

Why we should
THINK!

about how we think



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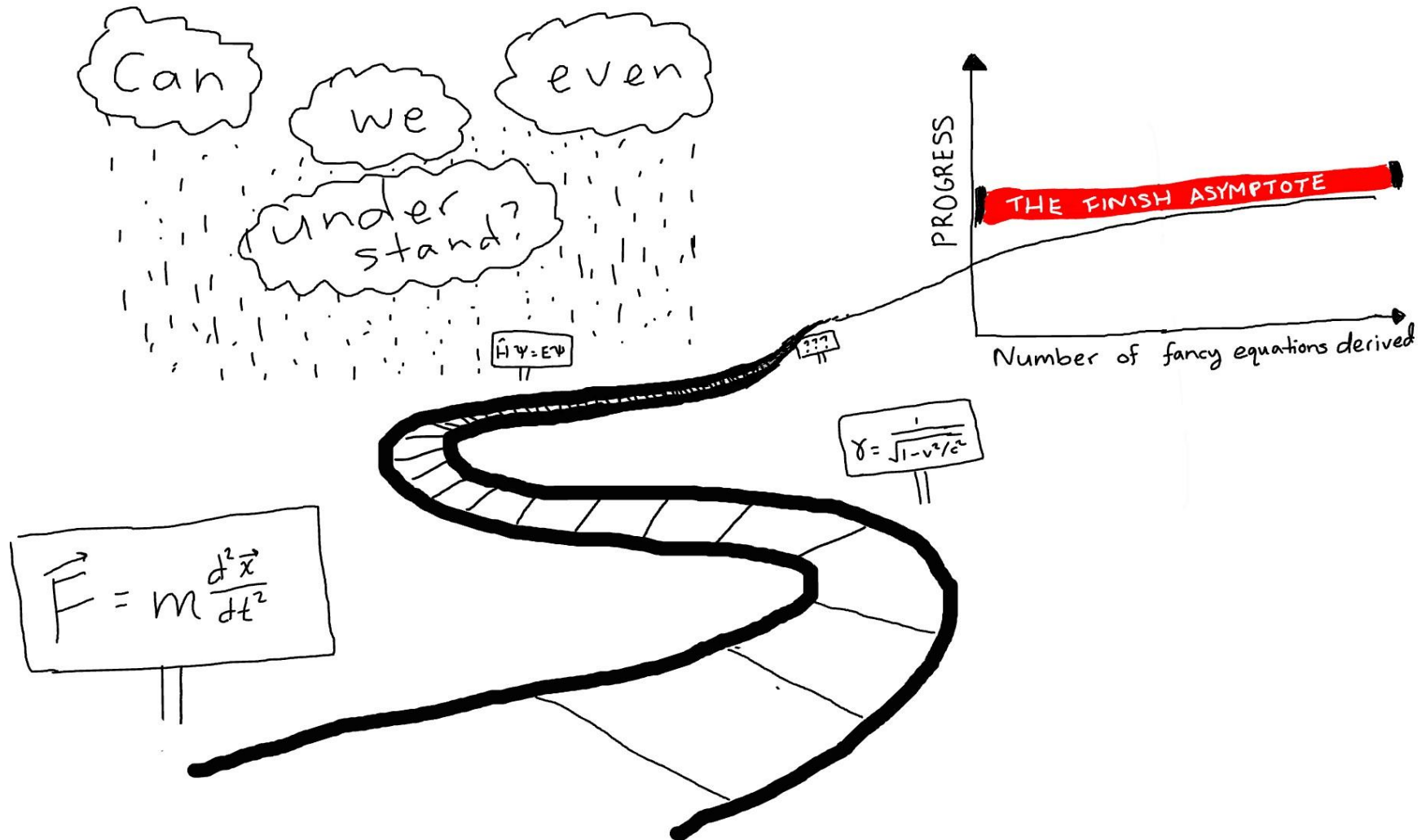
MY

BUBBLE

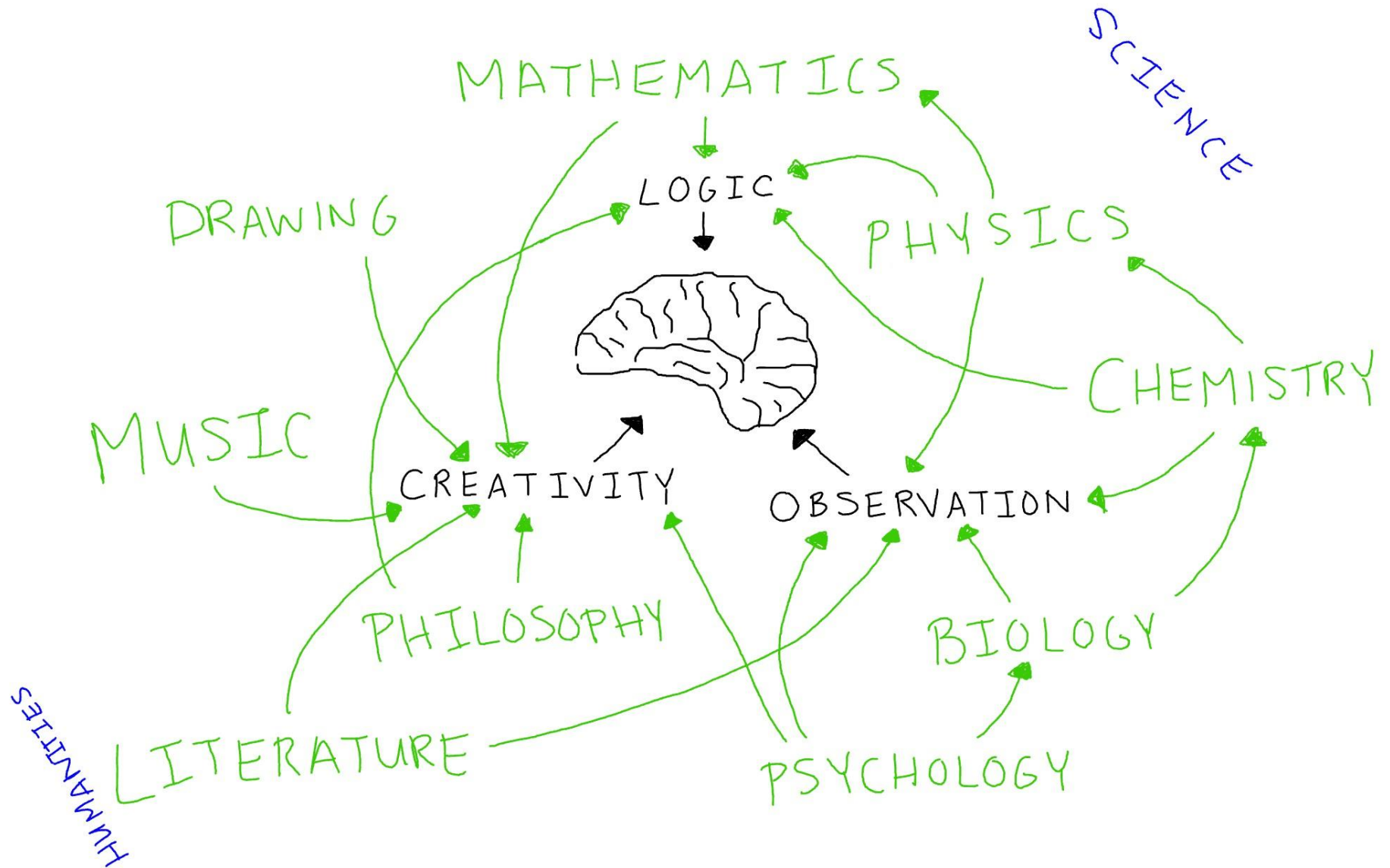
My Pursuit of Mathematics and Physics.



Perpetual Progress

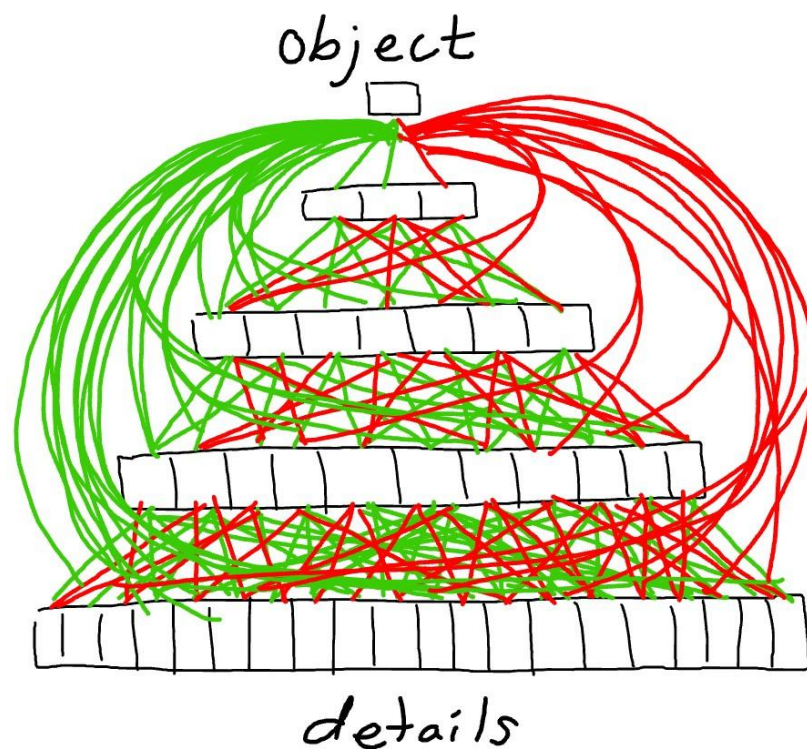


It All Comes Back to the Brain



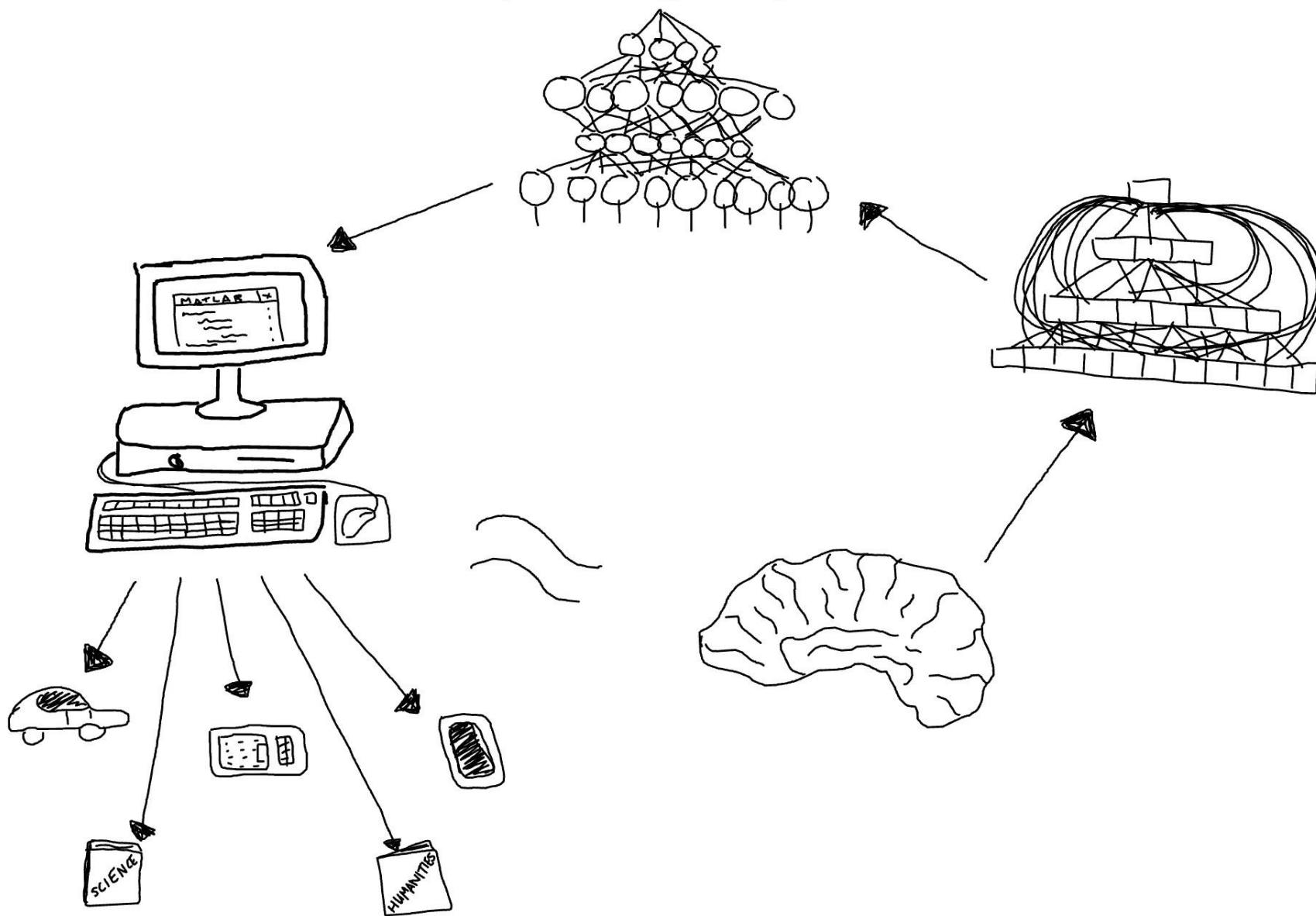
Understanding the Brain

pattern
recognition
and generation



a single cortical algorithm?

Implementing Intelligence



The Big Questions

Can you train a network to philosophize?

If so, what will it think about...

- science?
- religion?
- life?

And how will these thoughts depend on inputs and connectivity? (Nature vs. nurture?)

Part II

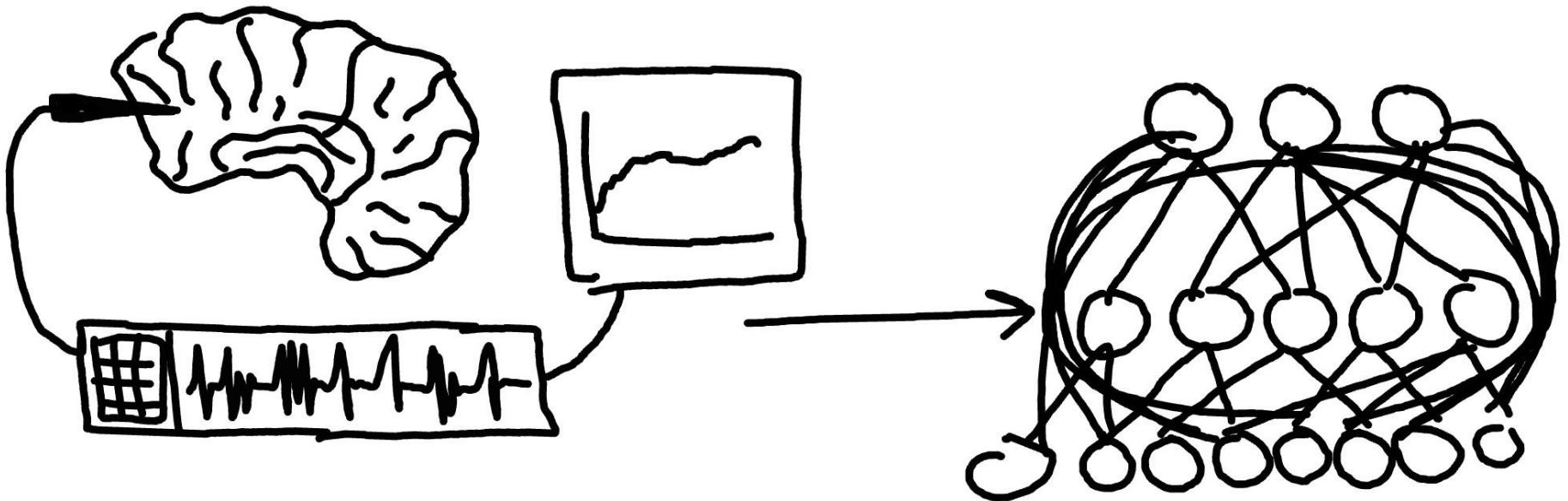
A Neural Network Inverse Problem...

The Goal

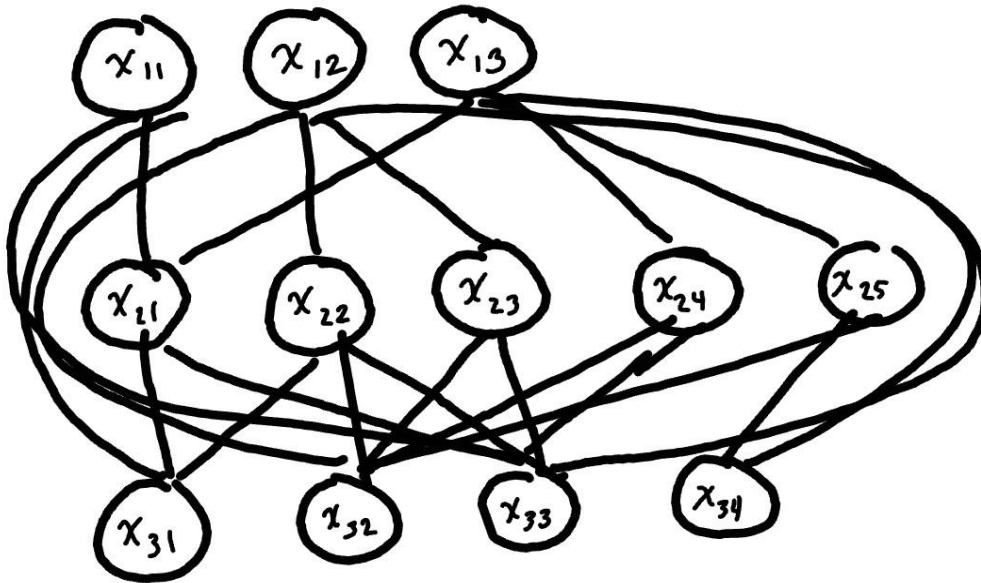
Neural Recording



Network Structure



A Characteristic Matrix - What is it?



$$\rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \chi = A \chi$$

- ✧ inhibition
- ✧ excitation
- ✧ connectivity
- ⋮

Current Work

$$* \frac{d}{dt} \chi = A \chi \Rightarrow x_{ij}(t) = c'_{ij} e^{\lambda_1 t} + c''_{ij} e^{\lambda_2 t} + \dots + c^n_{ij} e^{\lambda_n t}$$

where λ_k are eigenvalues of A .

* Given λ_k , c_{ij}^k can be fit and thus A can be recovered with low error

* But, experimentally, λ_k unknown. Approximations of $x_{ij}(t)$ using arbitrary constants for λ_k unsuccessful.

* Regularization, extreme-value statistics, ...